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ON THE CAMPUS Chapel

It is indicative of the spirit of Hope that the largest and most beautiful building upon the campus should be that devoted to religion. This beautiful chapel with its superb windows, quiet and devotional atmosphere makes possible a real chapel service. The Organ and the Chapel Choir add much to the worship period. In this building are also housed the Departments of Bible, Religious Education and Philosophy together with all the student religious organizations.

On Tuesday, December 13th, the outstanding musical presentation of the year was presented in the Chapel. The Holland Civic Chorus under the direction of Prof. W. Curtiss Snow presented the "Messiah."

Indicative of the high regard our college is obtaining in the music world, Earl V. Moore, Director of the University of Michigan School of Music, permitted the Michigan Symphony Orchestra to come to Holland and accompany the Chorus. The orchestra presented a concert in the afternoon which makes a new mark in fine music at the college.

Mr. David Mattern, the conductor of the orchestra, directed the afternoon concert. Over a thousand people were present in the afternoon, and over two thousand crowded the building in the evening.

The city has been talking appreciation of the event ever since.

Mr. Snow has been studying at the University during the Summer and is continuing his work by trips to Ann Arbor this Winter. He has been studying with Mr. Palmer Christian, the famed university organist. Splendid Sunday afternoon organ concerts have been played by Mr. Snow bi-weekly.

The Chapel has been a great help to the School of Music. It has become the symbol of devotion to things beautiful. Programs, concerts, chapel service, and all events in the auditorium have been kept in harmony with the beauty of the edifice.

Attendance

In a year of economic hardship the enrollment is reduced by nine. The first semester of last year the total enroll-

Never have the pleas for employment, for room and board been more numerous, nor more urgent. Holland citizens have been considerate and many students have found part-time employment or other assistance.

Can this enrollment be maintained?

Deputation

Hope has several deputation teams ready to visit nearby churches for the purpose of conducting religious services. All the religious organizations are represented on these teams and the work is under the general direction of the College Pastor, Rev. Paul E. Hinkamp. Several communities have already been visited this year and letters of commendation have been received from many sources. This service is available to all nearby Churches.

Club

At the suggestion of of President Wichers, the Faculty was organized into a Club for the informal discussion of College problems. The first meeting was held on December 18 at the home of President and Mrs. Wichers. Prof. Egbert E. Winter of the Department of Education led the discussion.

Some Hope College students under the direction of Prof. D. Ritter have organized a local chapter of the National College Poetry Society of America, an organization which publishes monthly a small

booklet of verse written by college students from all parts of the United States.

The annual Week of Prayer was held November 7-11. Speakers were Drs. J. R. Mulder and S. C. Nettinga of the Western Theological Seminary and Dr. J. Timothy Stone of the Chicago Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The theme this year was "The Essentials of the Christian Life."

GREETINGS

Dear Alumnus:

We know that you are interested in reports from your Alma Mater. We are sending you this news bulletin in the hope that it will be just what you have wanted to see. Brief word pictures of life at Hope today; and a few items of interest about the work of some of your classmates.

To make possible the furtherance of this attempt, we ask that you send forward news notes for future publication.

Busy though the season may be, we want you to take time to rekindle interest in Hope, to feel again the spirit of college life, and to that end we here present our effort.

In a season of joy and well-wishing we feel we have plenty of both to pass on to you. The joy, the one of reporting accomplishment; the well-wishing, that of our own to you — a sincere Season's Greetings.

Very truly yours,

VERNON D. TEN CATE

GEORGE A. PELGRIM

WINFIELD BURGGRAFF

ment of Hope College was 450 students. This year there are 441 enrolled.

	Girls	Boys
Post Graduates	4	5
Seniors	34	42
Juniors	44	42
Sophomores	38	78
Freshmen	58	76
	178	263
	Total 441	

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CO-OPERATE

We have the Administration and Faculty, we have the Buildings, we have the Students, we have the Alumni, we need united co-operation to make the College.

Contact

We want to make this a paper to which you will look forward. We want to make it an official contact sheet. We need information. Where are you? Where are your friends? What are you doing? What are they doing?

It is an impossibility to make this what it ought to be without your help. Sit down now and write a letter with some item of interest, something that has interested you. We will decide whether it will be published. Do not be bashful if you have done something, and certainly you can tell it about the other fellow. It is a small request, isn't it?

Theses

One more. We learn that many graduates of Hope have written Theses. Some are for Doctor's degrees, others for Master's. Whatever the Degree, there are sure to be people at the college that would be interested in them. Furthermore they will be a great example to the undergraduates, and always will be very beneficial. We are co-operating with the Faculty along this line, in asking that you, who have extra copies of your Theses, forward a copy to the college library.

Jobs

Another. Watch for openings for college trained people. We must have places to put the newly-made alumni when their time at school is over. A watchful eye can often capture a prize. Let's all help the Administration over this difficult spot.

Only the past week the vigilance of one of the Grand Rapids graduates made possible a position for one of last year's class.

ALUMNI CHAPTERS

Perhaps we may find the oldest Chapter at Chicago. Here there is a large group of Alumni who have long been under the guidance of Gelmer Kuiper of

the Class of 1889 and of Dr. J. H. Hosper of the Class of 1901.

The Albany Chapter is one of the newer organizations. At the last dinner in the spring, thirty-six were present. Rev. Delbert Kinney, 1926, was elected President, and Miss Helen Van Ess, 1927, Secretary. The Chapter also sent to the College a gift of \$100 for the Alumni Chair of Philosophy Endowment Fund.

One of the largest Chapters is found in New York City. In this immediate vicinity is a large group of enthusiastic Alumni, this year under the Presidency of Miss Priscilla Bekman of the Class of 1928.

The Grand Rapids Chapter is an active club under the leadership of Howard Sluyter of the Class of 1928 and now Area Manager of the Bell Telephone Company. A dinner was held in October in connection with the meetings of the Michigan Educational Association.

Seventeen guests attended a party given by Rev. and Mrs. W. Zoerner of the Class of 1923 for the Hope Alumni and their families now living at Princeton Seminary. The party also serenaded Rev. Samuel Zwemer, D.D., who is recovering from recent illness.

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT WICHERS

It is a pleasure to greet all Hope College Alumni all round the world. Let me first extend to you all my heartiest wishes for a joyful Christmas and for a better and happier New Year. I am appreciative of the Alumni Committee for its work in making this bulletin possible. Work such as this together with that of the various Alumni chapters must needs cement the bond of union between Alumni and the College. Financial conditions make impossible the enlargement of this work beyond the present scope. We are hoping when the horizon is brighter again to greatly increase those measures tending to bind the Alumni to their Alma Mater.

I wish that all Alumni might send me a letter telling me something about what they are doing, the higher degrees which they earned, the works which they have published, some unique experiences perhaps, or simply an outline of their history since leaving the College. I should like to use this material to make a complete Alumni file. Please do not let modesty stand in the way. We look upon it as a service to the College. If you would like to tell about any of the experiences of your classmates, this too should make valuable material. Won't

you resolve to write home in the near future, a holiday message perhaps to your Alma Mater.

Elsewhere in the bulletin you will find a statement of attendance. We have many reasons to be grateful. A serious purpose pervades the student body and very good work is being done in every department. There is no finer group of young people anywhere in the country. You would be proud of them if you could see them.

Like all institutions of our kind, we are experiencing great financial difficulty. Receipts from Churches and from the Board of Education are falling off seriously. We are practicing every economy. The Faculty has agreed to take a substantial reduction in salary. This was a voluntary suggestion on the part of the Faculty and for that reason is all the more appreciated since it will indicate loyalty and devotion to the common cause. While we view the future with some apprehension, we are not without faith in our cause. We believe our work to be a work of God and for that reason we are confident of the final success of our enterprise. But it is a time when we need the united prayer and assistance of all those who believe in the college.

In these days of depression, we are experiencing difficulty in placing our candidates for the teaching profession. You could render us a great service if you would inform us of vacancies in your communities and use your influence to bring into your community splendid Christian young men and women, thoroughly prepared for their task. You would help not only the community in which you live, the College in which you believe, but also build up a little fellowship of Hopeites in your community.

Do you know of some good scholars who ought to come to Hope for their Collegiate work? If you will send us their names we shall be glad to communicate with them, sending them catalogs and other information about Hope College.

I shall be very happy to receive from any of you suggestions about the work here which can be made to be of service to the College.

Scholarship

High standards of scholarship continue at Hope. This is evidenced by the fact that for the last three years more than one hundred graduates have entered various universities and professional schools for graduate work. Thirty graduates of the Class of 1932 are taking Graduate work this year. Eight of these are at the University of Michigan.

HERE AND THERE AMONG THE ALUMNI

Oldest

The total number of Hope College Alumni is now 1719. The oldest living alumnus is Rev. Josias Meulendyke, now residing at 6 Beechwood Street, Rochester, New York.

Dean

James Muilenberg of the Class of 1920 has become the Dean of the College of Literature, Science and the Arts at the University of Maine. He recently resigned his position as Associate Professor of the History and Literature of Religion at Mt. Holyoke College.

Navy

Harvey De Weerd of the Class of 1924 and now of the History Department at Denison University is the author of a number of articles published by the United States Naval Academy. These articles deal with some phases of the naval history of the Great War. Those appearing recently are: "The Fisher-Beresford Controversy," "Admiral Bacon and the Dover Patrol," "Portrait of a Madcap Admiral," "Puleston, Churchill and the Dardanelles."

Secretary

Mabelle Du Mez of the Class of 1924 is the second one of the Hope Alumnae to take a position as Church Secretary in New York City. Miss Du Mez is with the Middle Collegiate Church and Miss Priscilla Bekman is with the 89th Street Reformed Church.

Sword

Rev. Henry K. Pasma, Ph. D., Class of 1910, minister of the Presbyterian Church at Rockville, Maryland, whose autobiography, "Close-Hauled," published in 1930, was sent into the world with a foreword by Edward Bok, has during this past summer published another book, "The Enchanted Sword," a story of his own native Friesland.

The Librarians at Hope report that Dr. Pasma's book "Close Hauled" is more frequently asked for by students than any other biography.

Yucatan

Morris Steggarda, Ph.D., of the Class of '22, is affiliated with the Carnegie Institution of Research. During six months of the year he is at work in their labora-

tories at Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island; during the remainder of the year he is engaged in field work, with physiological anthropology as his special interest. This work has taken him into the Netherlands, and especially into Yucatan, where he is making a study of the Mayan civilization there. In February, 1933, he will return to Yucatan for his third season among that people.

Contributions

Leonard De Moor, Th.M., of the Class of '24, has been studying at Hartford, Harvard, and at Marburg, Germany. He expects soon to present his doctor's thesis in theology. He is at present professor of Bible and Philosophy at Central College, Pella, Iowa. "The Evangelical Quarterly," published in Edinburgh, has accepted contributions by him.

Eyes

Fred Yonkman, Ph.D., of the Class of '25, received one of four fellowships awarded by the Council of the American Federation of Experimental Biologists, which included study abroad and a report at the International Congress of Experimental Biologists held at Rome, Italy, August 28 and 29. This honor was awarded to Dr. Yonkman in recognition of a special study of the eye which he submitted in competition with others from all over the country. Because of previous arrangements for teaching a course at the summer school of Boston University (where he is professor), Dr. Yonkman could not stay abroad for the period of special study, but he did go to attend the conference at Rome.

Barnacles

John Paul Visscher of the Class of 1917 and now of the Department of Biology in Western Reserve University, was in Europe last summer studying in

the laboratories in Naples and Plymouth and also visiting scientific laboratories in Germany, studying the problem of how to prevent barnacles from following ships' bottoms.

Authority

Arthur C. Cloetingh, Class of 1916, is Professor in the Speech Department at Pennsylvania State College. The year 1932 has been one of sabbatical leave for him, and he has been travelling over the various countries of Europe. He has been in France, England, Germany and other European countries. He has also spent time in Florida and California. Cloetingh has become an authority in many phases of drama.

Degree

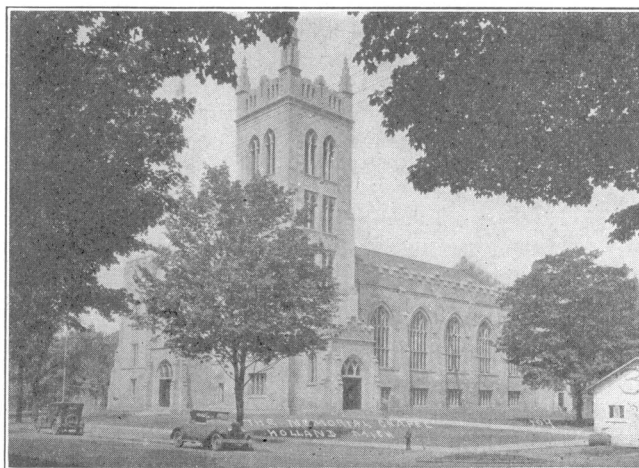
Irwin Lubbers of the Class of 1916, for some years Professor of English at Hope College, and now Instructor in Psychology in Carroll College, Waukesha, Wis., is the author of "College Organization and Administration," recently published by Northwestern University, where Prof. Lubbers earned his Ph.D. degree.

Founder

Dr. J. B. Nykerk was highly honored on September 30 when a Banquet in his honor was tendered him at Hotel Olds, Lansing, Michigan, by the Michigan Oratorical League, now composing fourteen Michigan Colleges. Dr. Nykerk is the only surviving founder of this League organized in 1897. He was presented with a specially engraved gold medal.

The Hague

Rev. Milton Hoffman, Hope 1909, now of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, was the guest preacher at the American Reformed Church at the Hague, Netherlands, last summer.



Hope Memorial Chapel

Hope students have been able to hear many speakers at the Chapel exercises. All the local Pastors have appeared as well as Drs. J. M. Vandermeulen, Benjamin J. Bush, Willard D. Brown. Students have also heard Mr. Edwin Markham, America's greatest living Poet. The President of the College conducts the service every Wednesday and speaks to the students on various topics relating to the life of a Christian College.

HOPE COLLEGE ATHLETIC RESUME

The two best football teams in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association were ready to clash for the championship of the conference on a Saturday afternoon in mid-November. Each team had stamped itself as an outstanding member of the athletic circuit; neither had lost a game. The home team was Hillsdale College—heavy, experienced and a veteran participant in championship play. The other football team, fighting for first honors for the first time in its history in the conference, was Bud Hinga's Hope College eleven; a lightweight squad but speedy, smart and with the perfection of the greatest weapon in modern football, the forward pass. The result of this match was one of the greatest games ever played in the Michigan league, of which Hope has been a member since 1927. Hillsdale had a scoring opportunity in the third quarter and made seven points. Hope's chance after a 70-yard march down the field was halted on the 14-yard line by the timer's gun.

For the past two seasons, the Hope College football teams have been the most highly respected organizations in the state. Under Coach Hinga, the Hope boys play clean but hard-hitting football. Joe Gembris, former University of Michigan star fullback and present coach at Detroit City College, said after his game with Hope this fall: "I have never seen as smart a team in small college football, nor one that tackled and blocked so viciously as did the Hope team." Hope defeated Gembris and his Detroiters, 32 to 0.

During the past season Hope won four games, lost two and tied two. Hillsdale, conference champions, and Western State Teachers' College of Kalamazoo, one of the few unbeaten teams in the country, were the only outfits to defeat Hope. The latter's goal was crossed for the only time by the Hingamen. Hope scored 113 points to 51 by opponents.

In 1931, Hinga's first year at Hope, the Dutchmen won three games, lost four and tied one. The tie game was with Hillsdale in the feature of the annual homecoming in which Hope played the conquerors of the University of Chicago to a 19 to 19 score.

Results are also being produced in basketball. In the 1931-32 season Hope took third place in the conference, and for the sixth consecutive time defeated its rival, Calvin College of Grand Rapids. This winter Hinga has a promising team, and only one member of the squad of ten is a senior.

Hope players have been gaining personal recognition in the conference. Last

fall Louis Japinga was named all-conference halfback for the second consecutive year, and James Zwemer was selected as the best tackle in the league. Four others were given second team and honorable mention recognition. Last winter Watson Spoelstra was chosen all-M.I.A.A. center for the third successive year, and two others were placed on the second team.

Besides having success in the major sports, Hope is competing and returning results in track, tennis and golf. Baseball was dropped two years ago when it was ousted by the conference as an official sports.

The trustees of Hope College made a very creditable selection when they invited Mr. Milton Hinga to become Athletic Director and Coach. Mr. Hinga, known to his friends as "Bud," is a graduate of Kalamazoo High School and Kalamazoo College. In both schools he made a fine record in athletics, winning a place on the football, basketball and baseball teams. Since his graduation from college he was the coach and history instructor at the Holland High School. Bud was very successful at the High School and became very popular with the townspeople.

Coach Hinga is not just an athletic coach but at Hope he is a leader. He emphasizes the development of the higher qualities in the students and not only aids in the Y.M.C.A. and other Christian work but demonstrates those principles in the classroom and also on the athletic field. Bud inspired whole-hearted cooperation and with his athletic teams has helped to develop fine college spirit.

SECRETARIES

Our college, for the past three years, has been offering courses in Religious Education. These courses have had as their aim: acquainting the students with the basic requirements and advanced methods of educating the youth of the church to a closer knowledge of the doctrine and standards of our denomination as well as the educational presentation of the "Way of Life." Also to give practical instruction in the various administrative duties of a Director of Religious Education.

Courses are offered in such fields as: Psychology of Religion, History of Religious Idealism, Principles of Religious Education, Parish Administration, Week-Day Bible School Administration and Curriculum of Religious Education. In all of these fields, the practical, in relationship to the theoretical, is stressed so that the students for the ministry, and those who plan to become Church Secretaries may be well trained in the work of the local church. Students are

required to put into practice the principles learned by actual teaching exercises in both the Sunday and Week-Day Schools of the Churches in the City. Trips to surrounding cities are also made to observe some of the more successful experiments in the newer methods of teaching the child the "old and ever fresh Truth."

HOPE COLLEGE FRESHMEN SHOW UP WELL IN RELIGIOUS CENSUS

The census shows that out of a total of 127 students in the class, 95 are church members, or almost exactly 75 per cent. Those regularly attending the weekly meetings of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.'s are 83. Quite a few who would like to do this are prevented from doing so because they travel home several miles each day after recitations and cannot return in the evening. 122 attend church regularly, 115 attend Sunday School regularly, 80 attend C. E. meetings regularly. 40 teach classes in Sunday Schools, either as regular teachers or substitutes. 36 are officers in C. E. societies. Two belong to the Student Volunteer Band and 10 belong to the Divinity Guild.

Those who plan to devote their lives to religious work include eleven looking forward to the Gospel Ministry at home, four to Foreign Missionary work, three to Domestic Missionary work, one to other religious work and seven not yet fully decided. This makes a total of 26 in the class who have religious work in mind, or a little more than 20 per cent.

Through the splendid religious influences at the Colleges these percentages grow still better as the classes move on toward the completion of the college course.

Dr. Eiselin Says:—

"In the Christian College, with its limited enrollment, the student is not lost in the mass. The church-related college, like other independent schools, is free to set up its own standards of admission, making possible a more select student body, higher educational standards, a finer college spirit and a richer social life. The small college offers opportunity for personal contact between student and teacher which is lost in the larger schools. The conference and discussion method which is made easier in the small college helps to discover and meet the needs of the individual student, giving him an opportunity for self-expression. The small college can afford to remain true to the cultural ideals. The Christian College is based on the conviction that truth alone can and does make free."